

Energy 101—The Big Picture

Energy Trends,
Electric Utility Industry Restructuring,
and the Future

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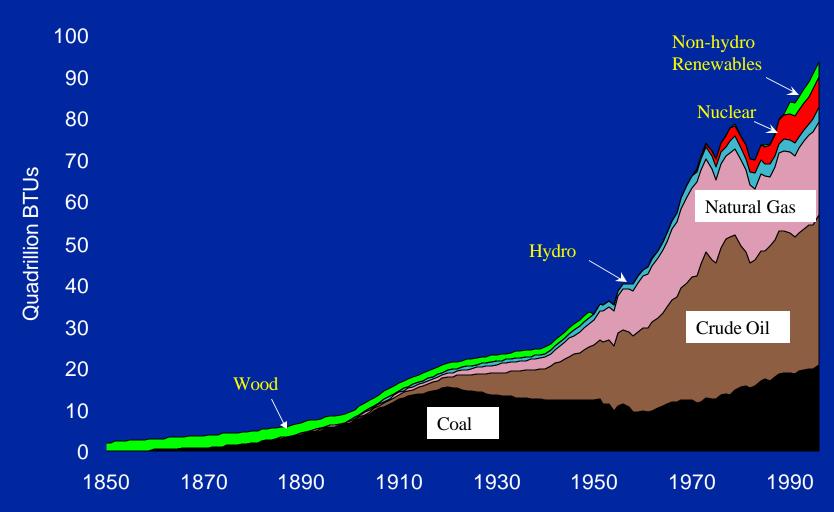
Presentation Outline

- Historic Energy Picture
- Electric Power issues
- Natural Gas issues
- Energy options:
 - > Oil
 - Coal
 - Nuclear
 - Renewables
- Electric Restructuring
- Long-term options
- 10 minutes for Q&A



U.S. Energy Consumption by Source

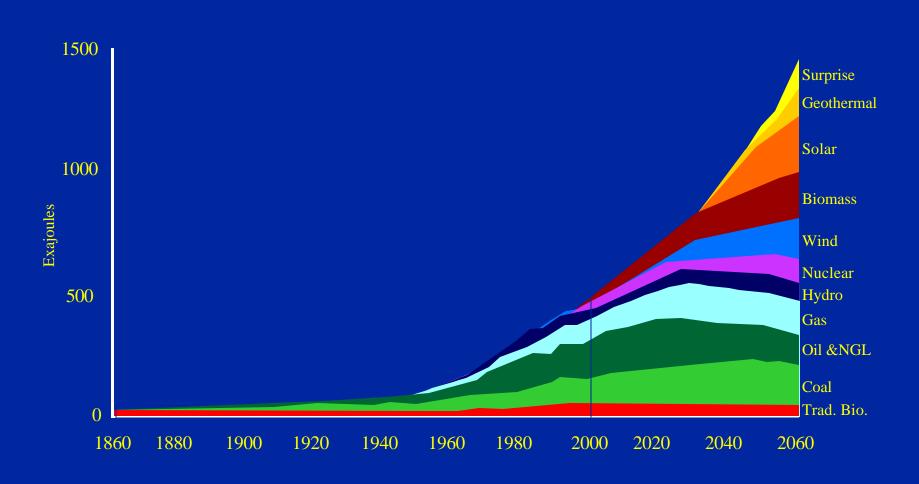
1850-1996



Source: 1850-1949, Energy Perspectives: A Presentation of Major Energy and Energy-Related Data, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1975; 1950-1996, Annual Energy Review 1996, Table 1.3. Note: Between 1950 and 1990, there was no reporting of non-utility use of renewables.



Future Scenario

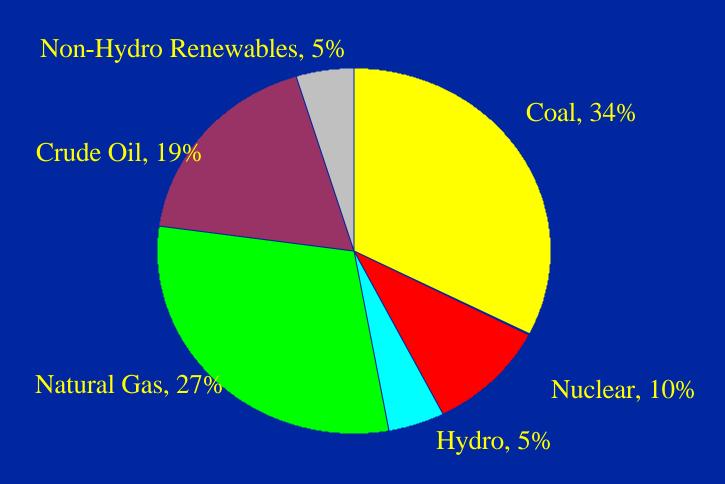


Source: Shell, The Evolution of the World's Energy Systems, 1995



U.S. Energy Production by Source

1998



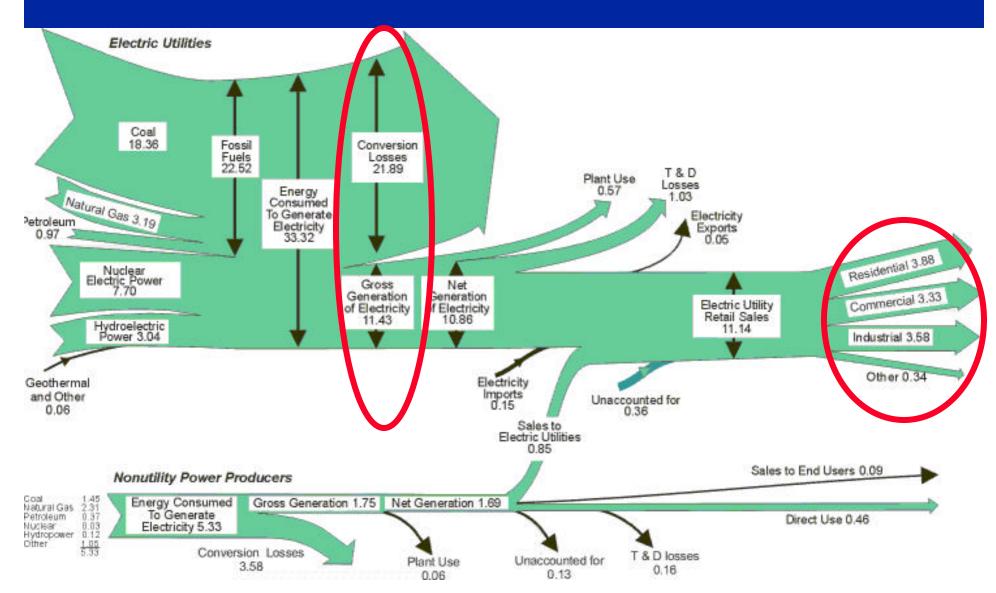
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Electric Power



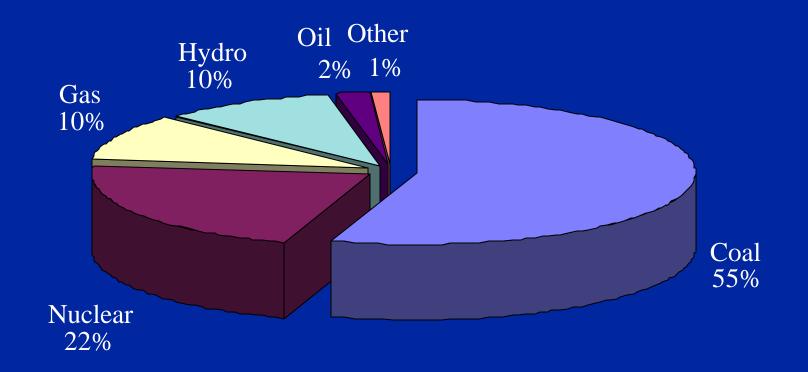






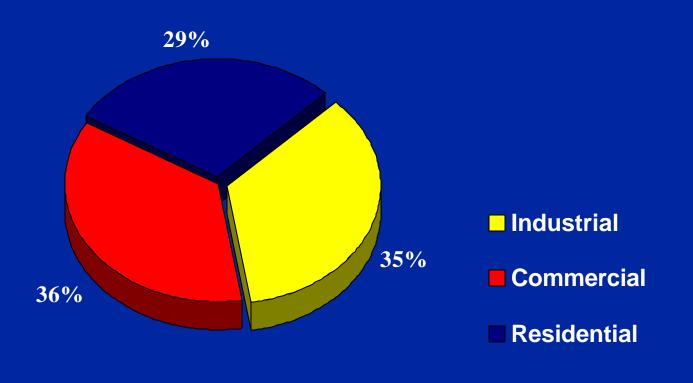
U. S. Utility Net Generation

2.99 trillion kilowatt-hours



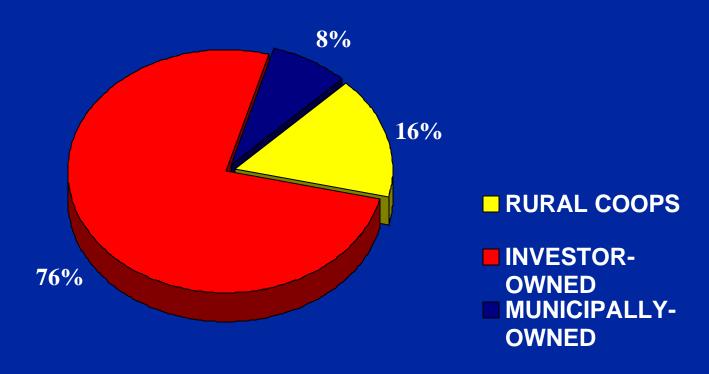


U.S. Electric Company Sales to Customers





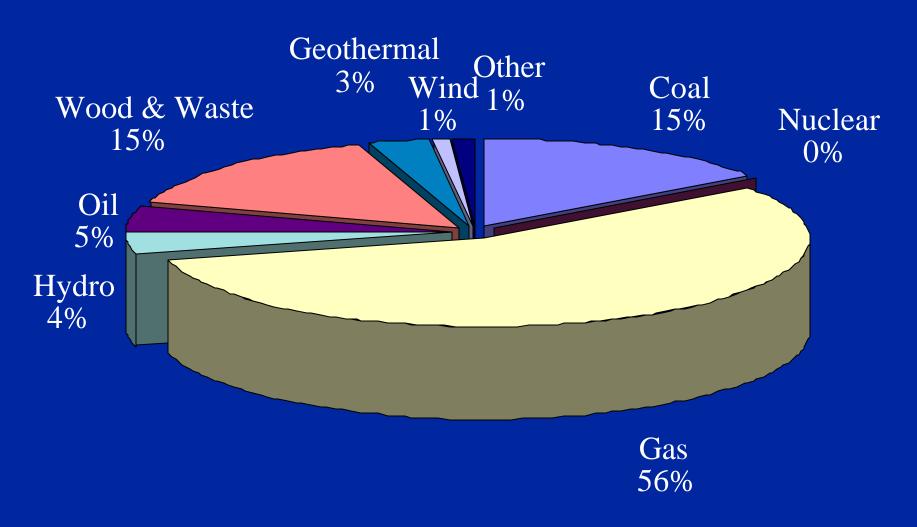
United States Percent of Customers Served By Type of Utility





Non-utility Net Generation

362 billion kilowatt-hours





Regulatory Oversight

ELECTRIC PROVIDERS

- Investor-Owned Utilities
- Rural Electric Cooperatives
- Municipal Utilities
- Non-utility generators
- Federal Power Marketing Authorities
- Self-Generation

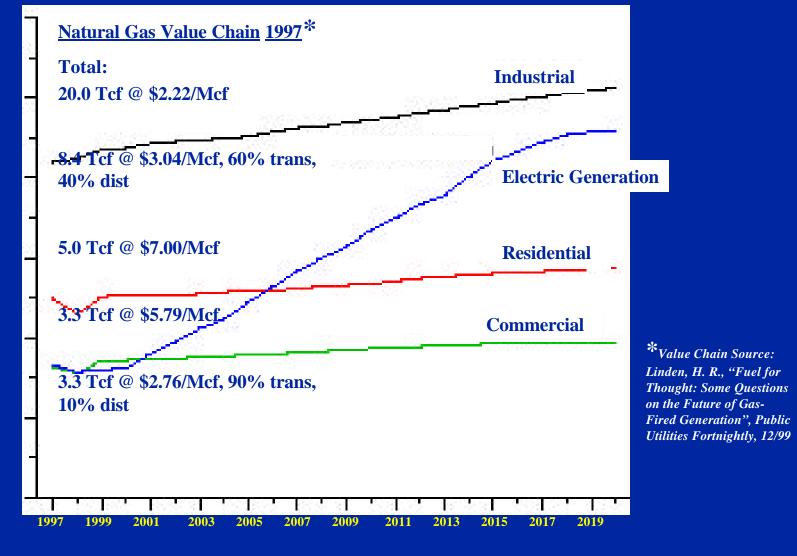
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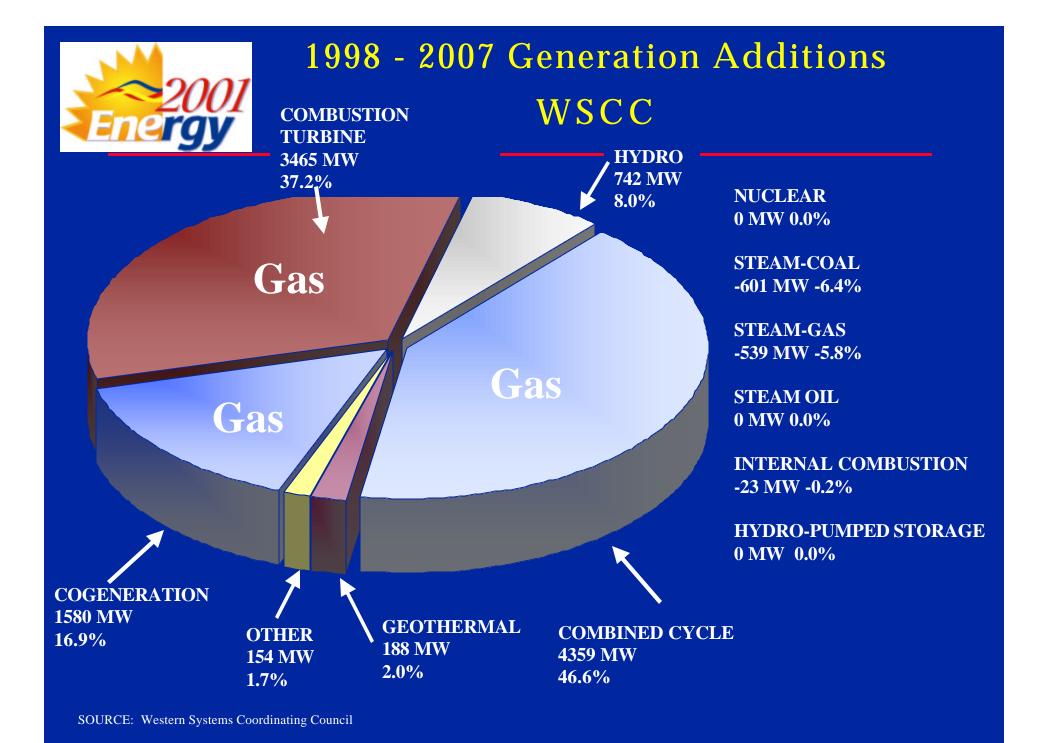
- PUCs and Federal Government
- Members & US Dept of Agriculture
- City Councils
- Federal Government and PUCs
- Federal Government
- None



Major Increase in Demand for Natural Gas-fired Generation

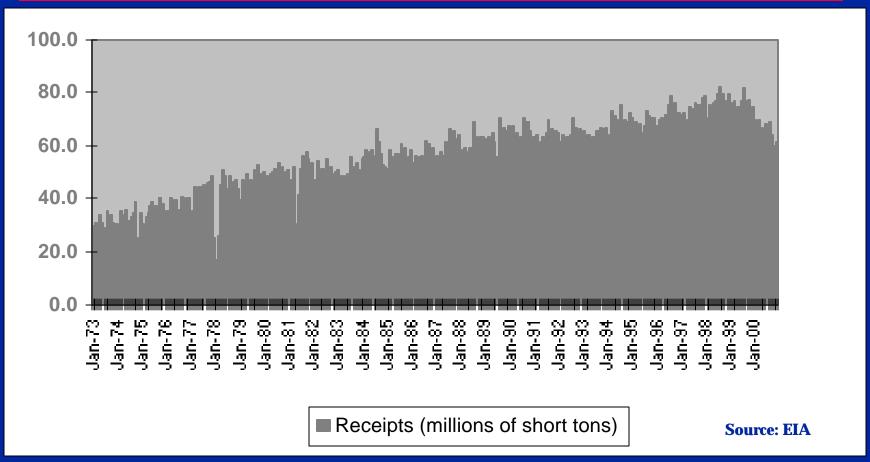








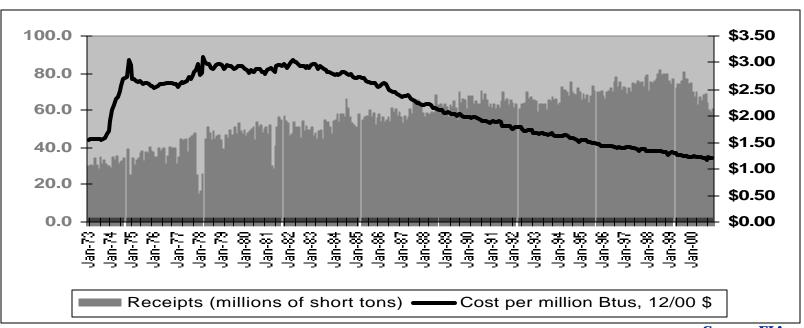
Use of Coal at Power Plants 1973-2000





Cost of Coal Used at Power Plants

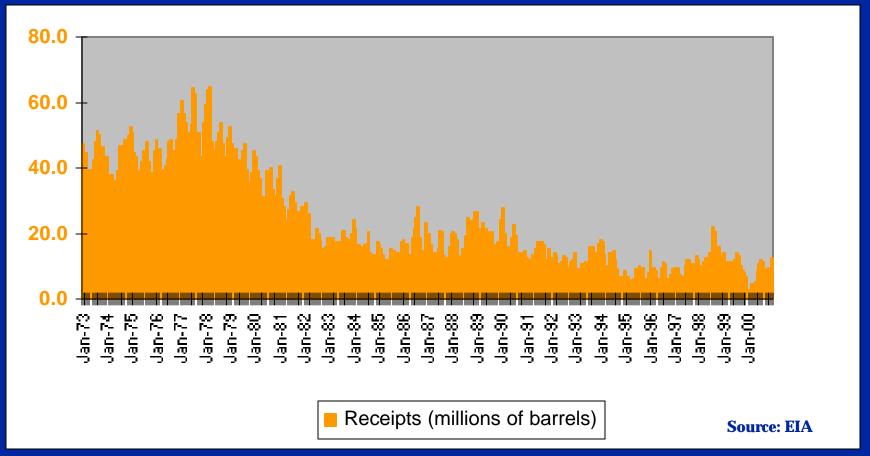
Coal



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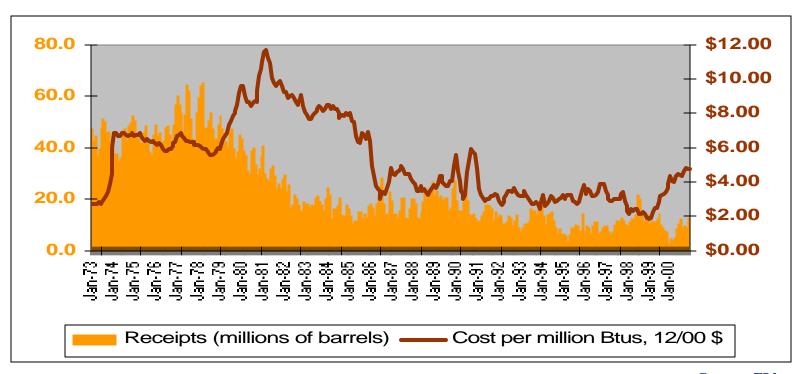
Use of Petroleum at Power Plants





Cost of Petroleum Use at Plants

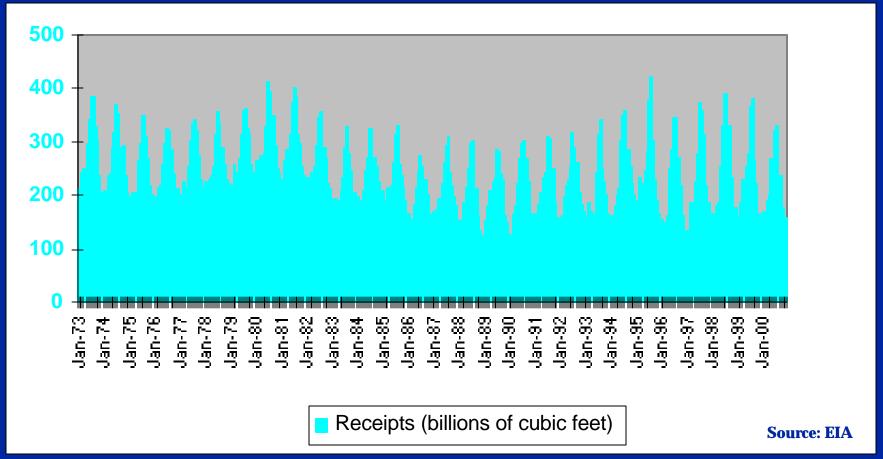
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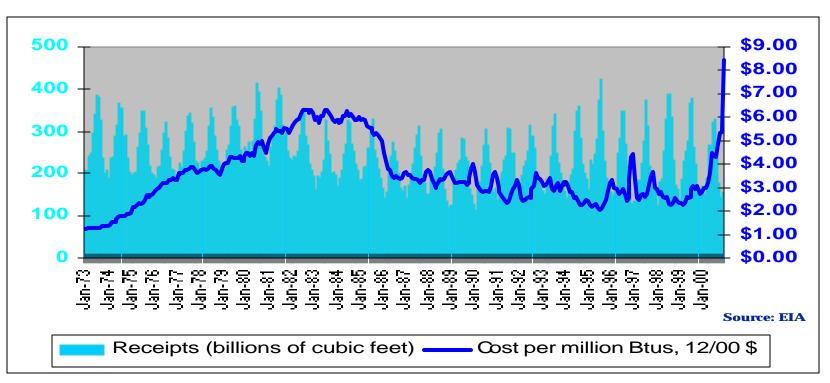
Use of Natural Gas at Power Plants





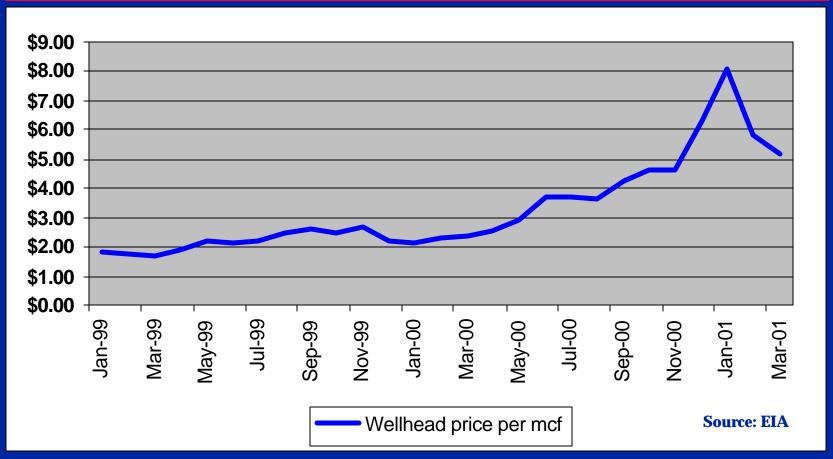
Cost of Natural Gas Use at Plants

Natural Gas



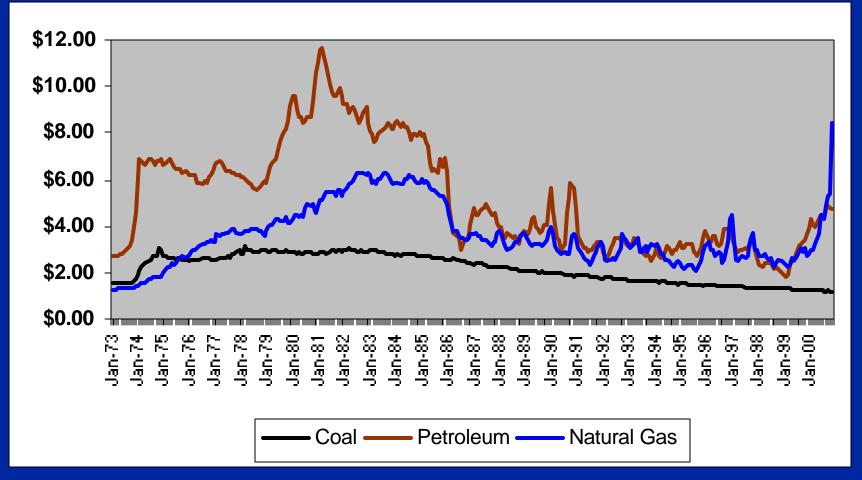


Recent Natural Gas Prices





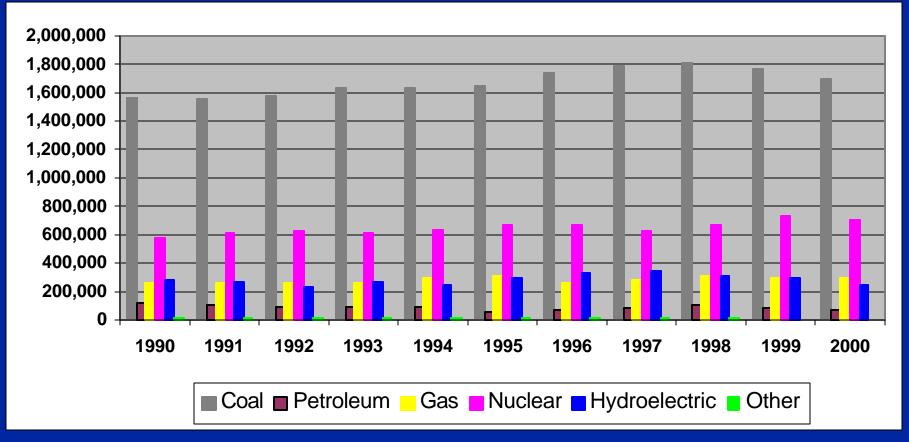
Comparison of Fossil Fuel Costs





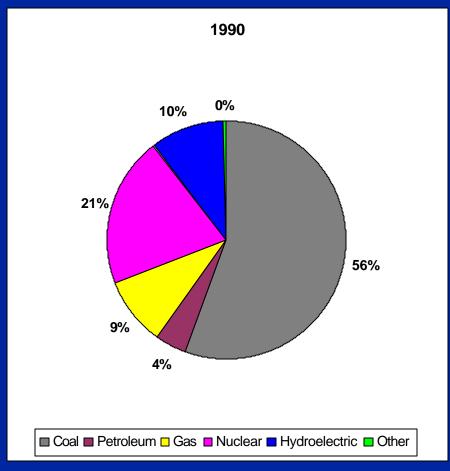
Net Generation

(millions of kwh)



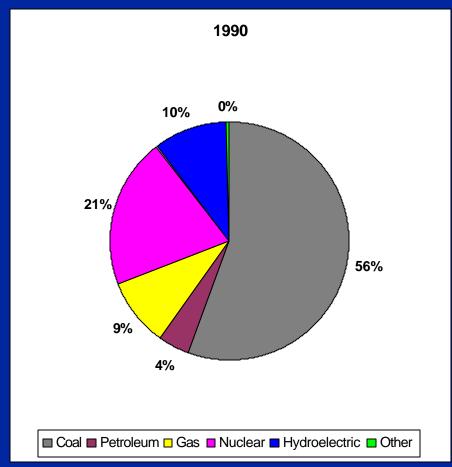


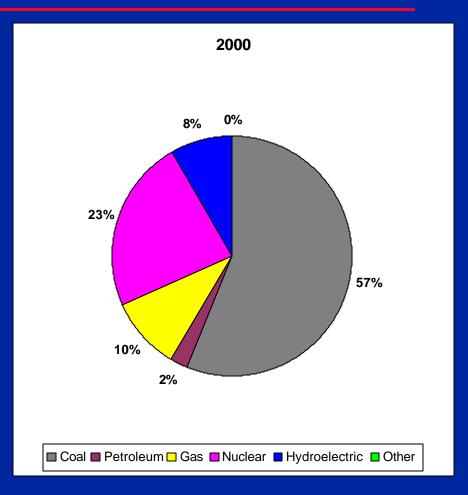
Electric Generation, 1990





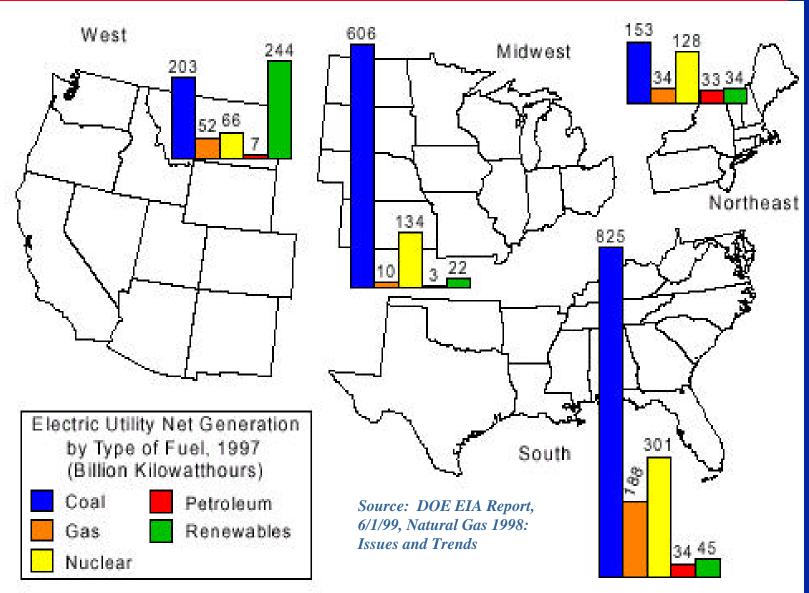
Electric Generation, 1990 & 2000





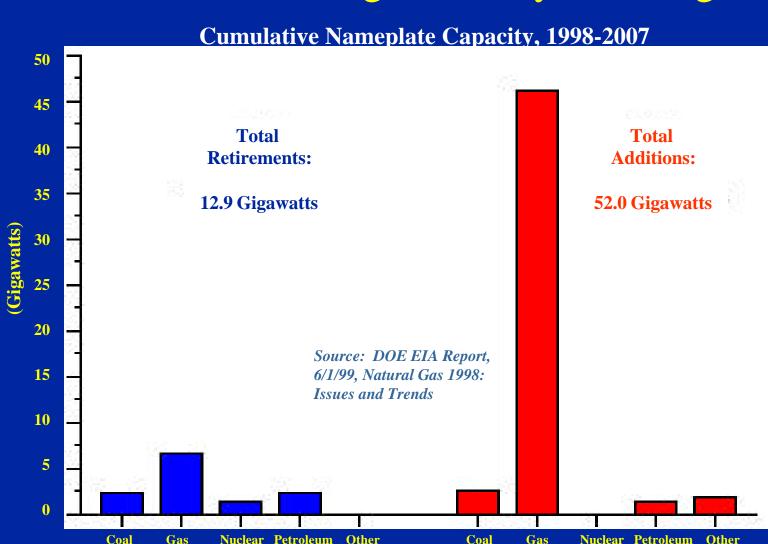


Regional Electric Mix by Fuel Type





Most new electric capacity additions are being fueled by natural gas





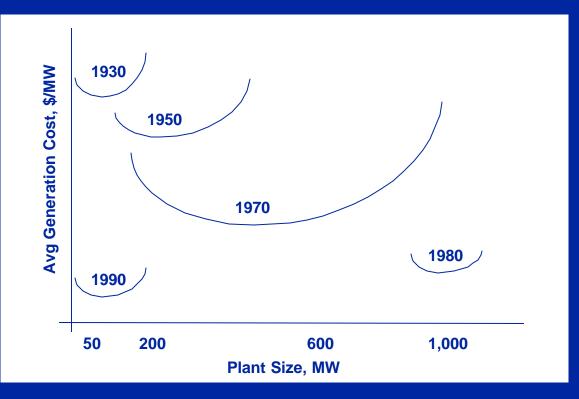
Fossil Fuel Use and Price Trends

- Coal is predominant base load fuel
- Coal prices have been declining since 1980s
- Oil use, generally for peaker and nonutility plants, has declined since 1970s
- Natural gas use, also for peaker plants, has been relatively stable until 2000
- Gas prices also stable until 2000



Optimum Size of Plants

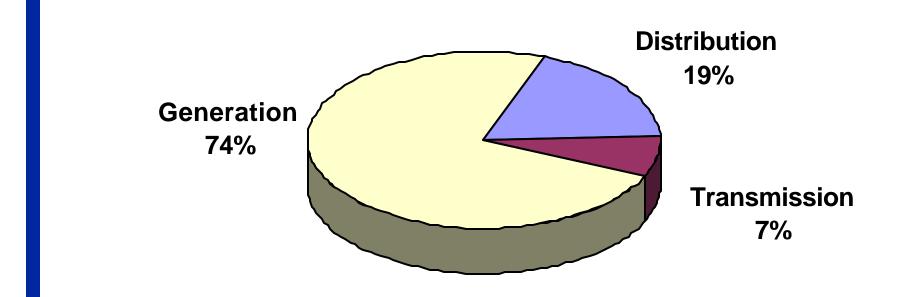
- Development of Combustion Engines
- Low investment costs
- Low operations cost
- Until recently, availability of lowcost natural gas



Optimal generation plant size for a single plant based on cost per megawatt (MW), 1930-1990



Average Embedded Cost of U.S. Electricity by Function

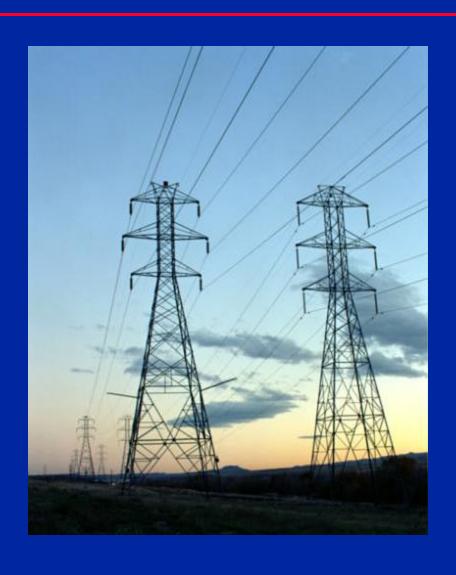


Source: USEIA. 1995

Lower prices for customers under restructuring should be expected to come from savings in generation costs.

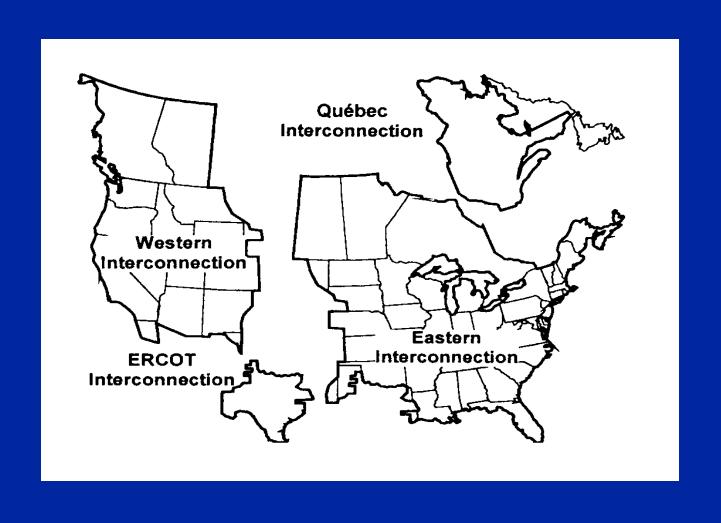


Transmission

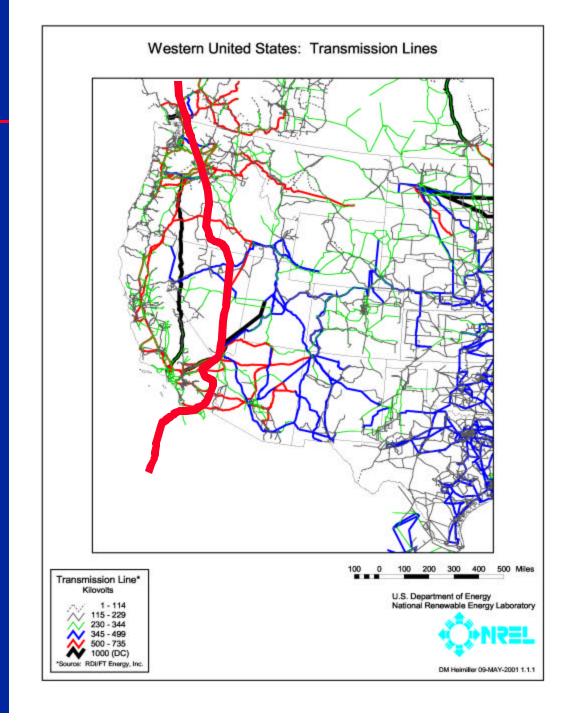




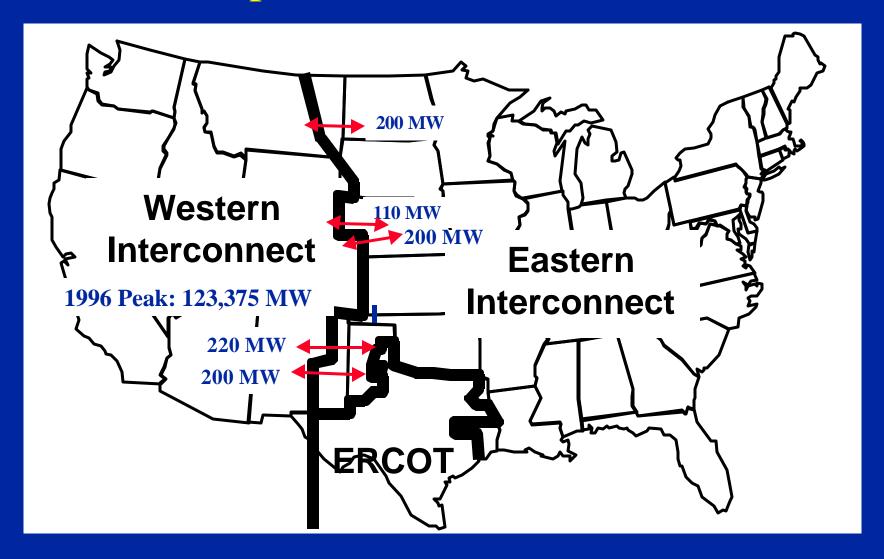
Four North American Grids







Three "Separate" U.S. Electric Grids



- 60 Hertz frequencies are slightly different between the grids
- Less than 1% of the W. Interconnection can come from, or go to, the East
- Three separate electric markets

Pipeline

A 300 mile 24" gas pipeline

transports 250 MMcf/day, the energy equivalent of

3200 MW, which is equivalent to the energy to fuel

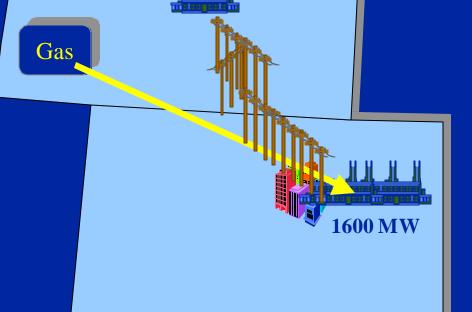
1600 MW of Combined Cycle power

versus

400 MW

Transmission Line

A 300 mile 345kv high voltage line, at about the same price as the 24" pipeline (\$.5M/mile), moves only 400 MW



Source: COPUC



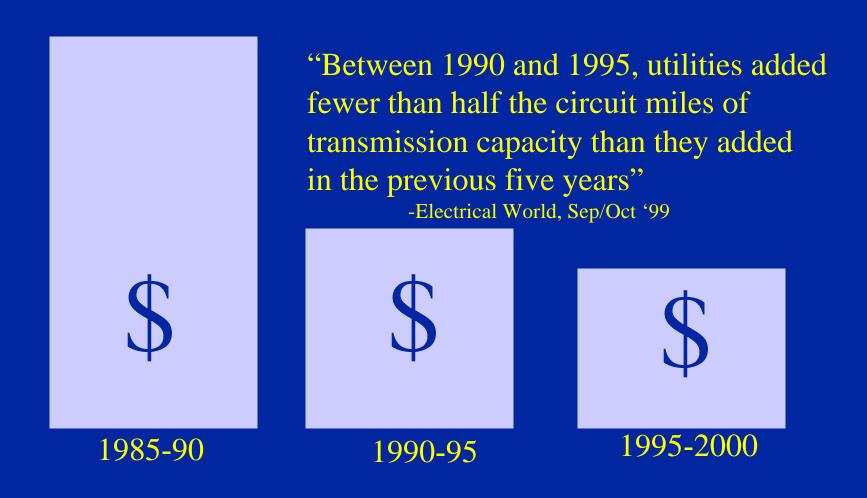
Interstate Gas Pipelines:

Federal government exercises authority that requires landowners to yield.

Electric Transmission Lines: Utilities must fight NIMBY on either a county-by-county basis, or less often, on a state siting council basis. (National Energy Plan proposes to change this.)



Utility investment in transmission



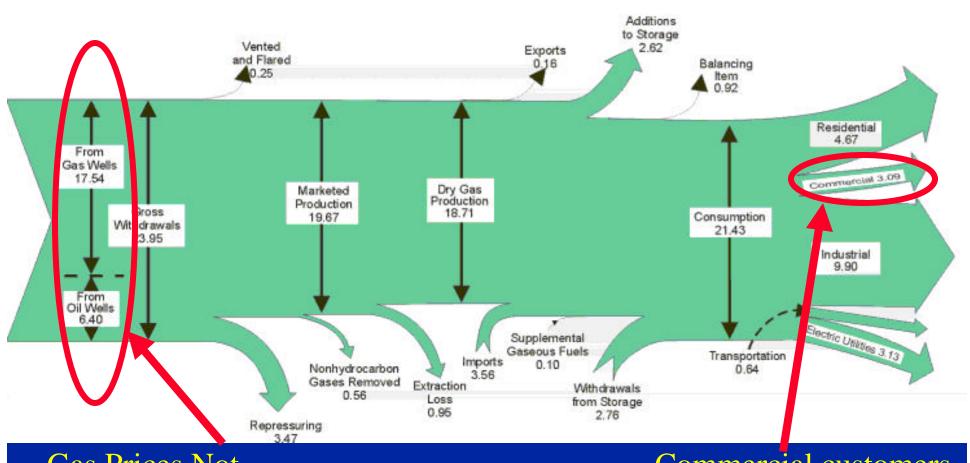
Source: Cambridge Energy Research Associates



Natural Gas







Gas Prices Not Decoupled from Oil Commercial customers get few price breaks

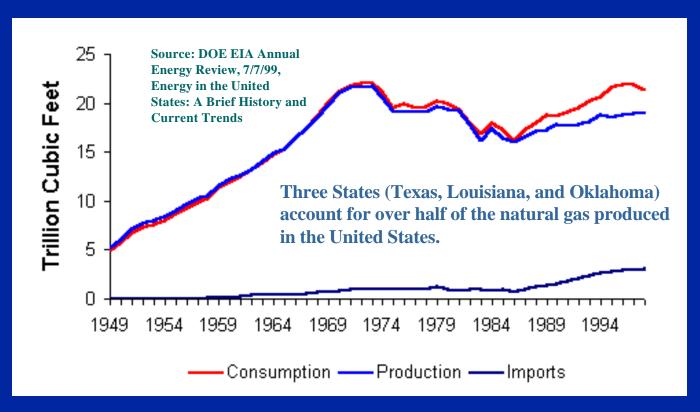


Why did natural gas prices surge in 2000?

- Supply tightness
 - Fewer rigs operated in 1998 and 1999
- Storage Stocks lower than average
 - Used for gas-fired generation
- Consumption increases
 - Robust Economy
- Oil Price Increases
- Weather



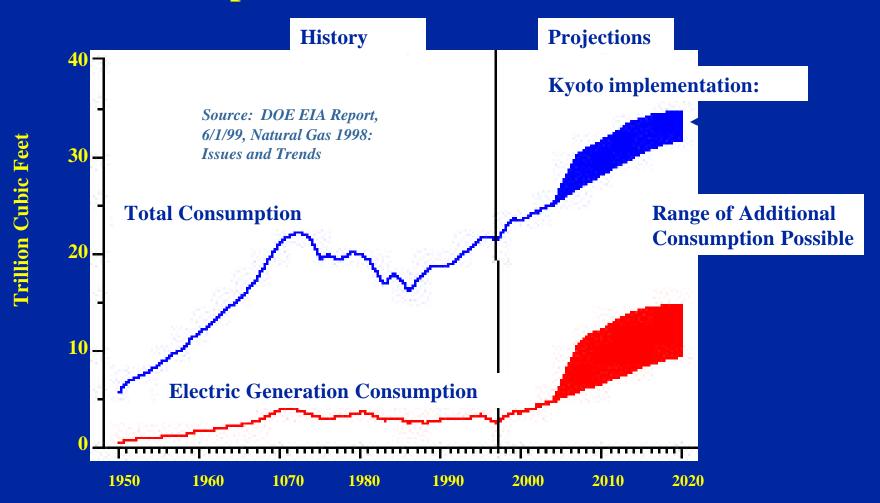
Natural Gas Production Vs. Consumption



The United States had large natural-gas reserves and was essentially self-sufficient in natural gas until the late 1980s, when consumption began to significantly outpace production.

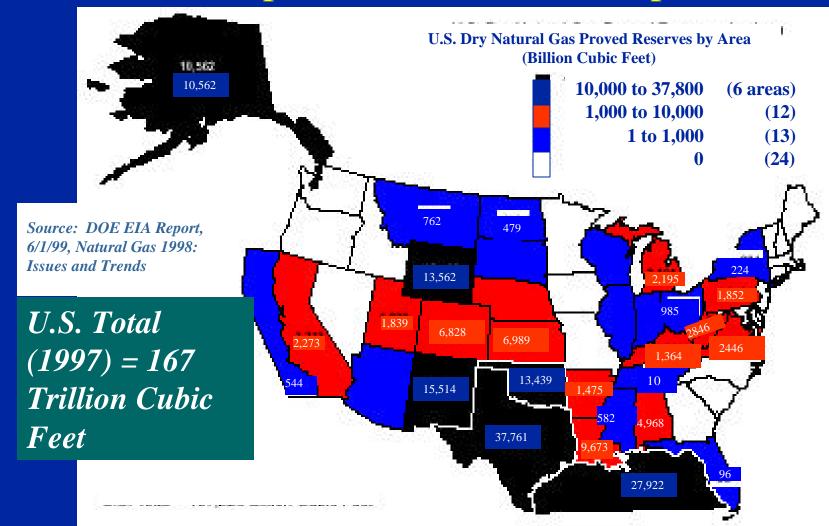


Natural gas consumption is expected to increase about 50% by 2020, and even more if the Kyoto Protocol is implemented.



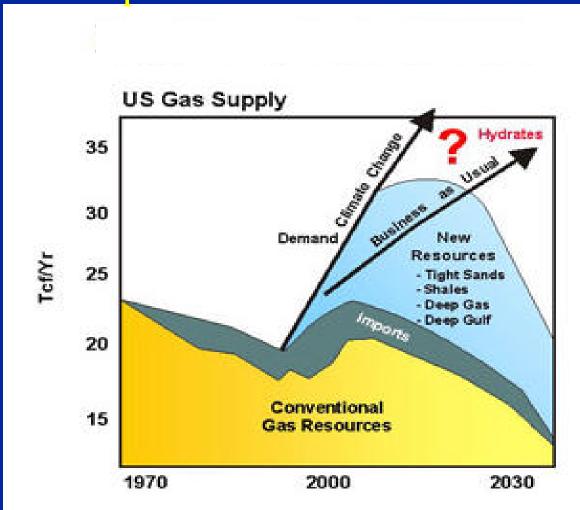


Proved U.S. reserves of natural gas are sufficient for about a decade at present rate of consumption





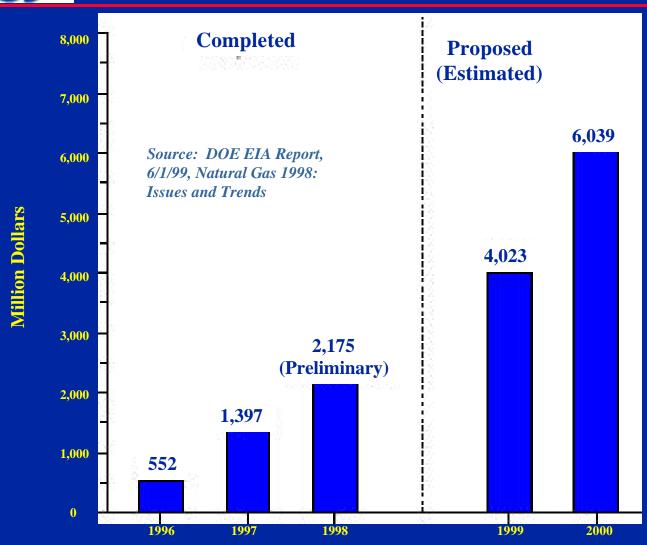
The long term outlook for domestic natural gas supplies contains uncertainties that will have cost implications.



Source: DOE National Energy Technology Laboratory Strategic Center for Natural Gas website: http://www.fetc.doe.gov/



Annual pipeline investment reached \$6 billion in 2000 - a substantial increase

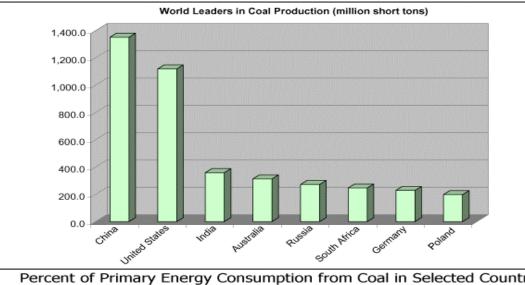


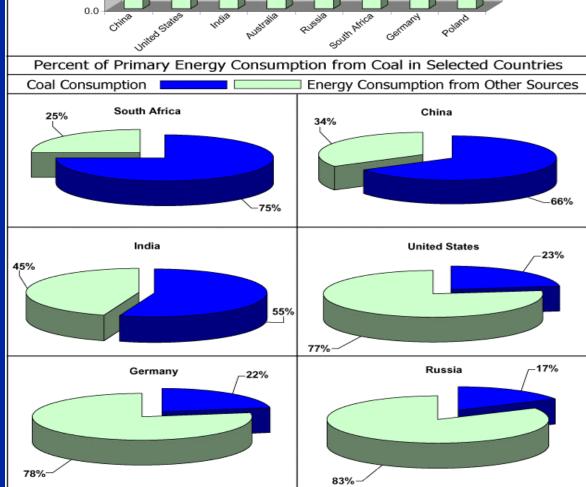


Coal









Source: Figures are for1998 from the Energy Information Administration, International Energy Database, December 1999.



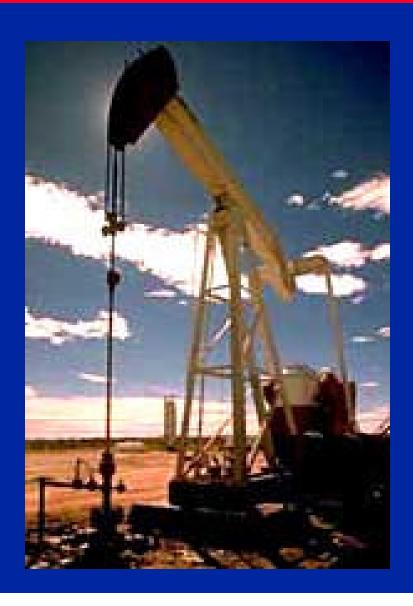
Coal is King, Can the King solve the carbon problem?



The industry and the DOE are investigating the potential of Zero Emission Coal

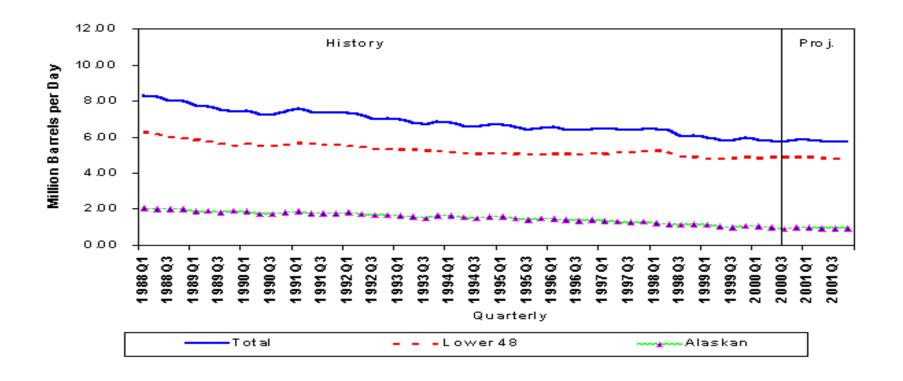


Petroleum





U.S. Crude Oil Production

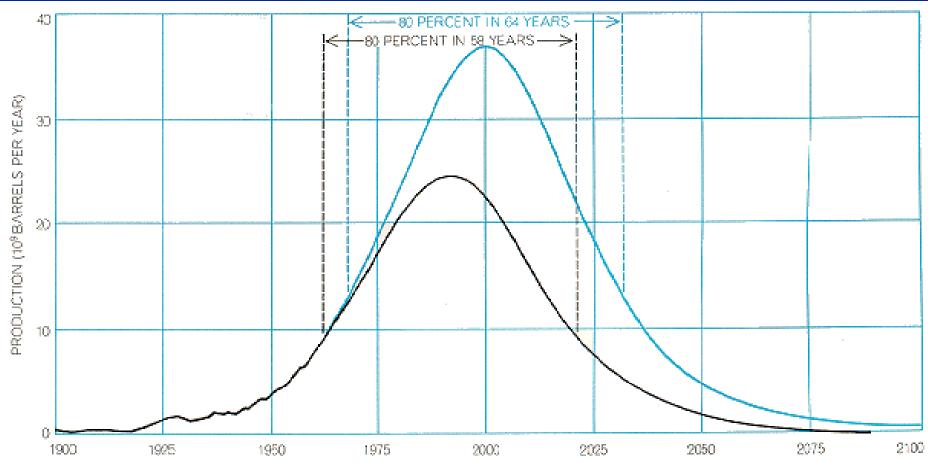


Sources: History: EIA; Projections: Short-Term Energy Outlook, August 2000.



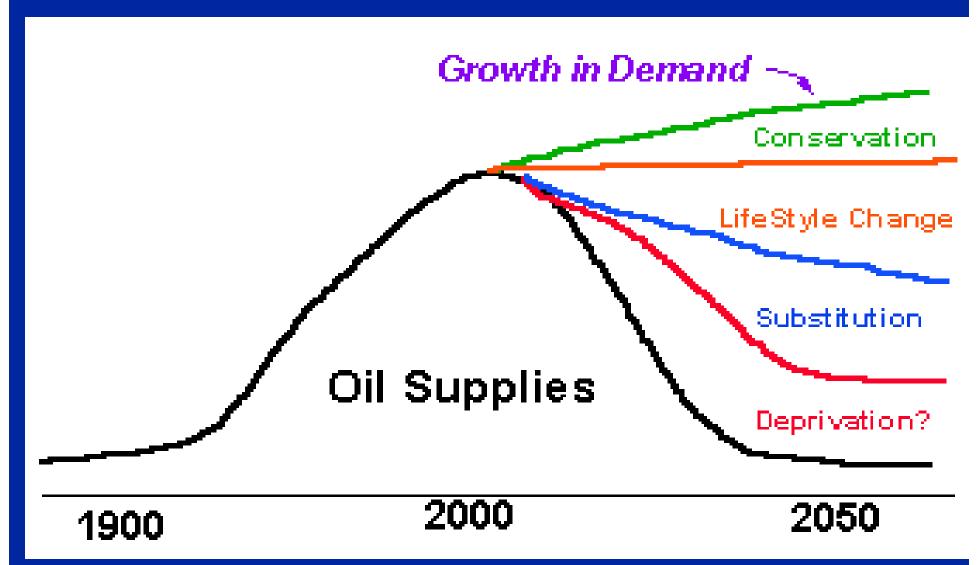


Depletion: Oil's Central Reality. Comparing the Bears to the Bulls



Cycles of World Oil Production is plotted on the basis of two estimates of the amount of oil that will ultimately be produced.







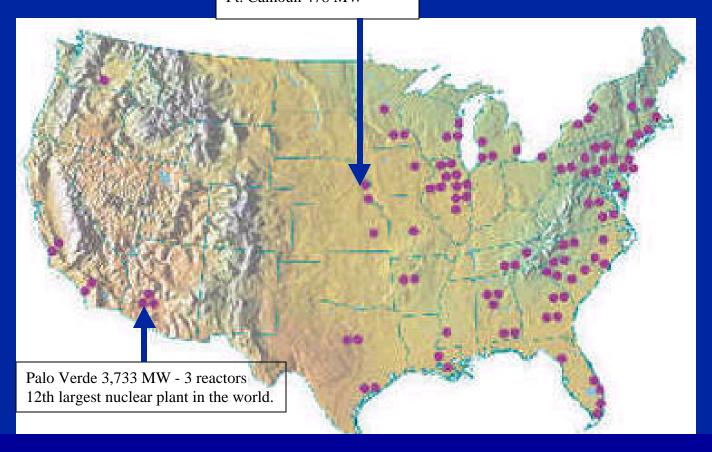
Nuclear Power





No new reactors ordered since 1978. Many have been decommissioned.

Smallest nuclear plant/size: Ft. Calhoun 478 MW



Operational performance has improved dramatically in the past 2 decades Industry capacity factor is about 85%. But repairs are very expensive.



If there will be a Nuclear Renaissance in the United States......

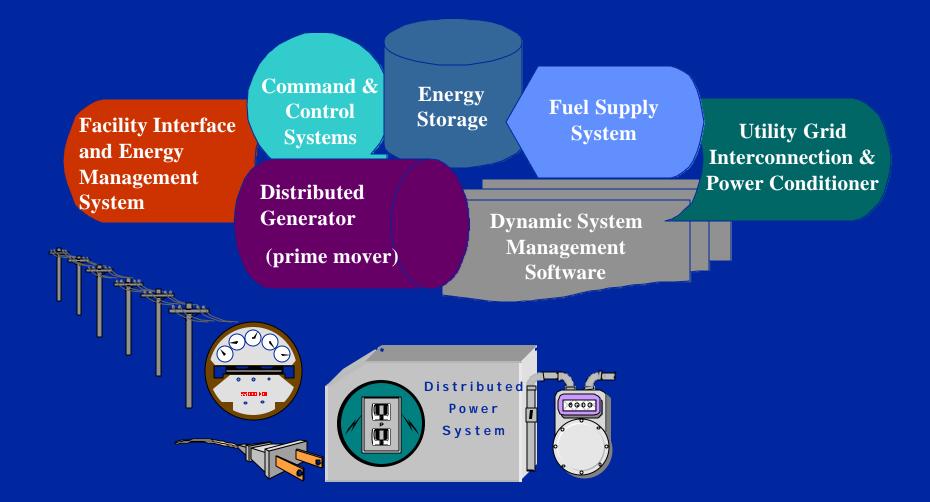
It will likely not be the expensive and trouble-plagued Light Water Reactors and Pressurized Water Reactors

... it will most likely be the Pebble Bed Modular Reactor under development in South Africa.



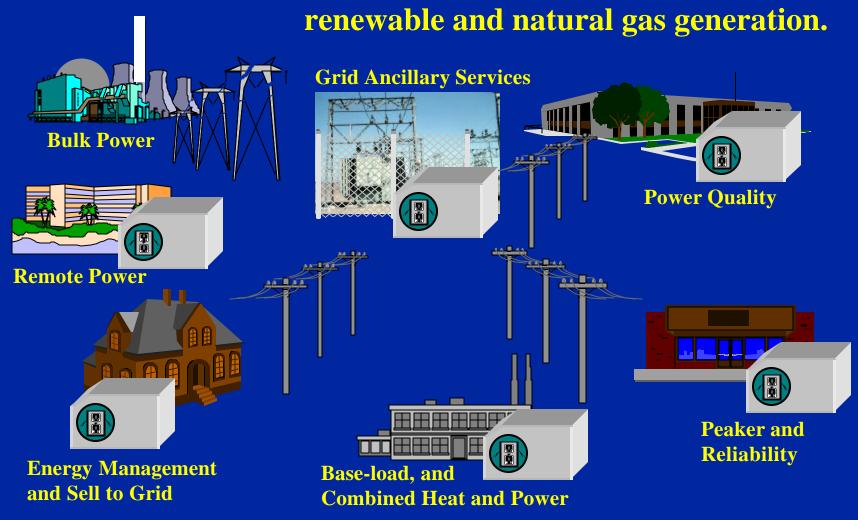


Distributed Energy Resources





Distributed power is emerging as a new way of producing electric power and holds much promise for





Microturbines: The Promise The Reality The Frustration





Fuel Cells Elegant, Efficient, Clean..... But..... Expensive and Illusive



100kW solid oxide fuel cell cogeneration system Courtesy of Siemens Westinghouse Power Corporation



Solar Shingles

This has all of the appearance of a very successful distributed resource. At the present time, however, this is very expensive.





Renewable Energy





Given the market trends, what's the future for renewables?



Can renewables compete on cost alone?

Do they have to compete on cost alone?

It may depend on consumer and policy preferences...





Renewable Energy Pathways

Wind Energy

Solar Photovoltaics

Solar Thermal Electric

Solar Buildings

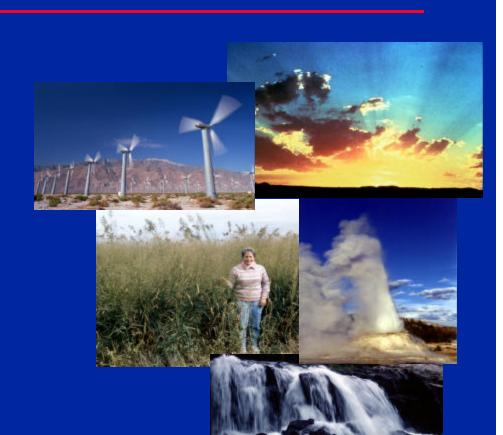
Biomass Electric

Biomass Transportation Fuels

Geothermal Energy

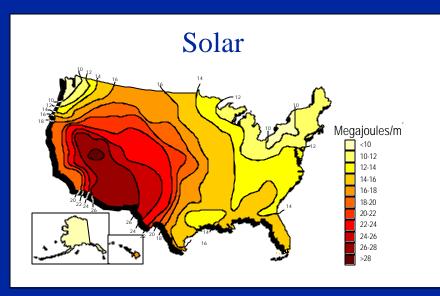
Hydropower

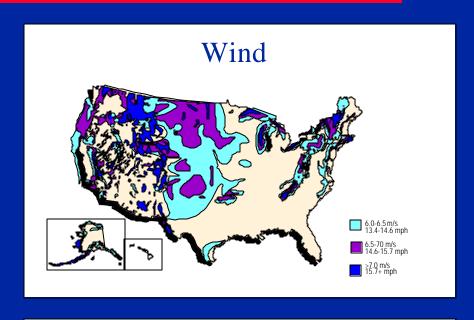
Solar Advanced Photoconversion

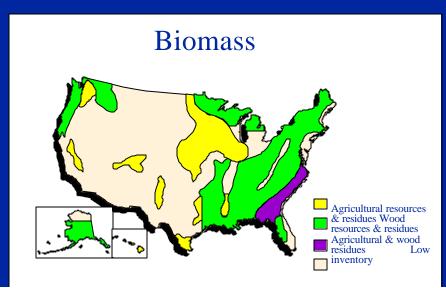


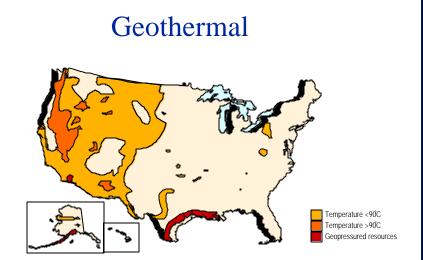


Renewable Energy Resources











Hydrogen





Wood.....
Oil.....
Coal.....
Gas...

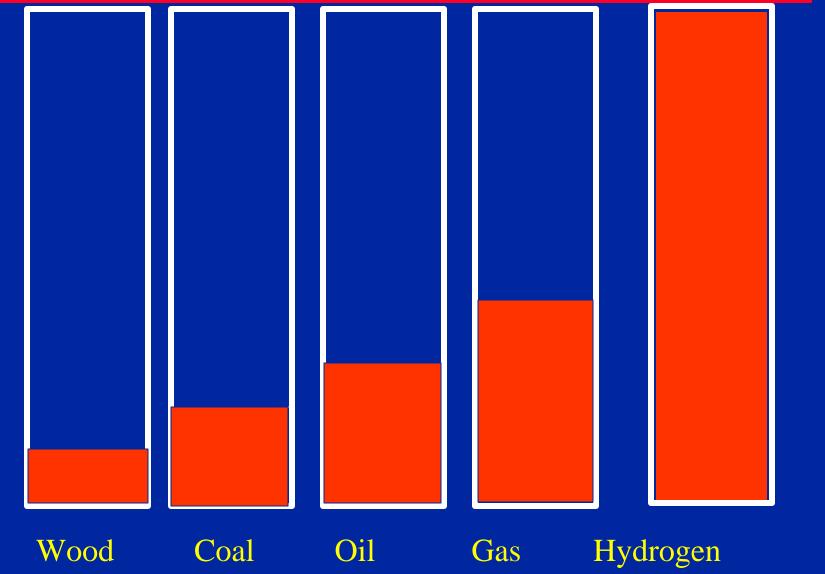
They are all composed of complex chemical chains of Carbon and Hydrogen molecules.

It's the <u>Hydrogen</u> that we're after---that's what burns. It's the Carbon that gives us the problems.

Let's reach the goal ofSafely burning the hydrogen, without the carbon.

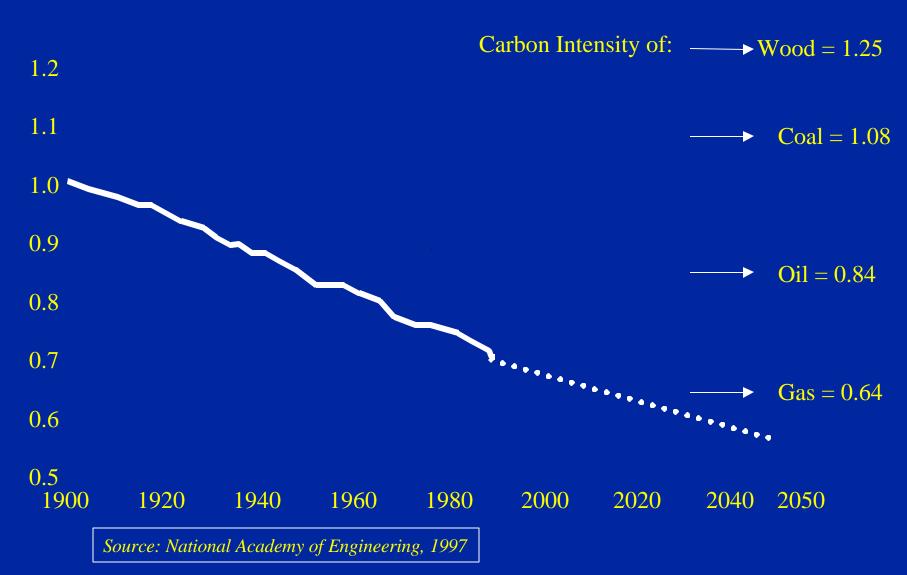


Illustrative Hydrogen Content of Fuels





Carbon Intensity of World Primary Energy





Electric Utility Industry Restructuring

- Why Did Half the States Decide to Restructure?
- Why Did Half the States Say "No"?
- What's Happening Now?

Generation Transmission Distribution

Competitive

?????

Regulated

Natural Monopoly Natural Monopoly

Regulated

Should Utility-Owned Generation be Deregulated?

Will a competitive marketplace result in consumer benefit?

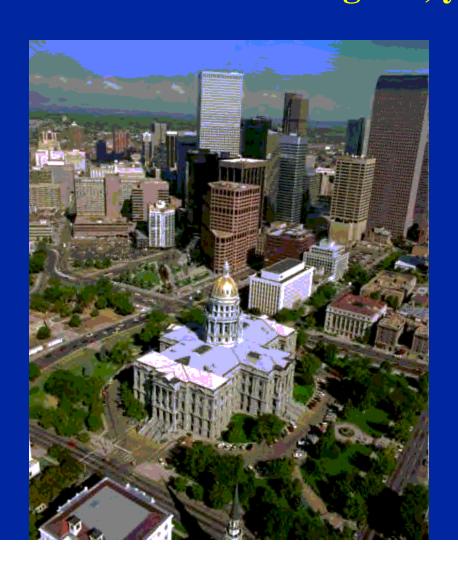
Lower Rates?

Technological Innovation?

- Will the result be <u>effective</u> competition?
- Or unregulated monopoly?



Restructuring Policy has been determined at State Legislatures and Public Utilities Commissions, not in Congress, yet.





Outline for Presentation on the Status of Restructuring

- States that have operating "competitive" markets (California, Pennsylvania)
- States that have passed legislation and are in the process of implementation
- States that have passed legislation, and are in the "timetable" phase of beginning implementation
- States that are considering legislation
- States that have studied and either rejected or tabled legislation



Restructuring Influences

- Despite high rates, Alaska and Hawaii have limited opportunity for competition.
- Otherwise, high rates states, such as New England, were the most likely candidates for restructuring.
- California, with high imports of electricity and high rates, was a candidate for restructuring.
- High rates in Sun Belt made those states good candidates.
- Most states with low rates saw no reason to change. Exceptions: Montana, Oklahoma.



Stages of Electric Restructuring

- Study" 1995-2000
- Legislation 1996-2000
- Monitoring, hand-wringing about lack of competition. 2000-2001
- "Restructurer's remorse" 2001
- Modification / delay / repeal 2001



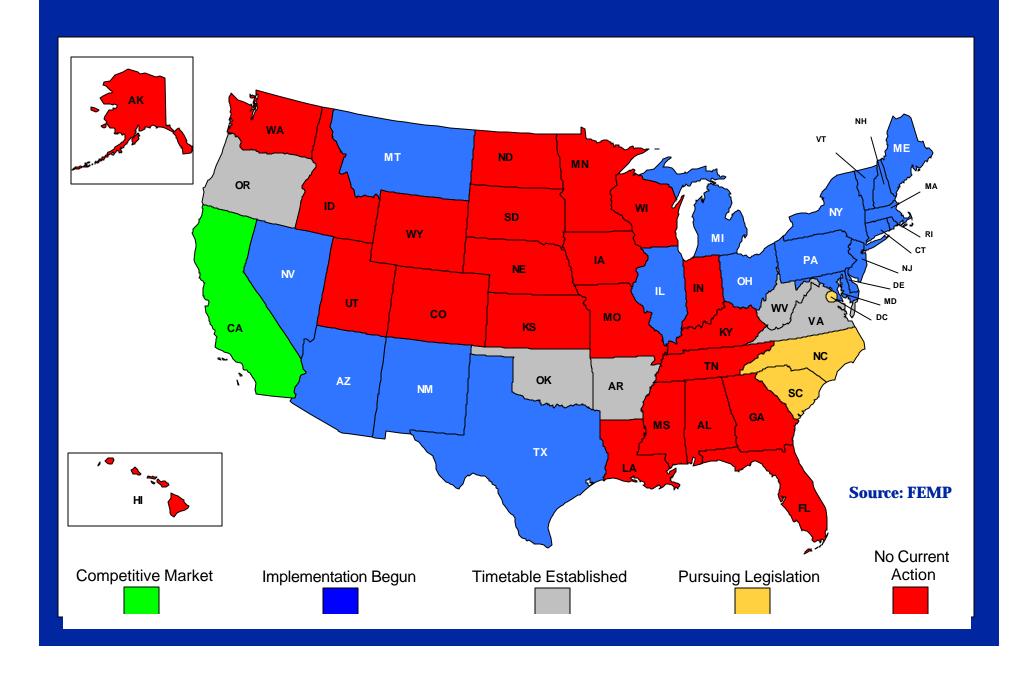
What States are restructuring?

Why are they?

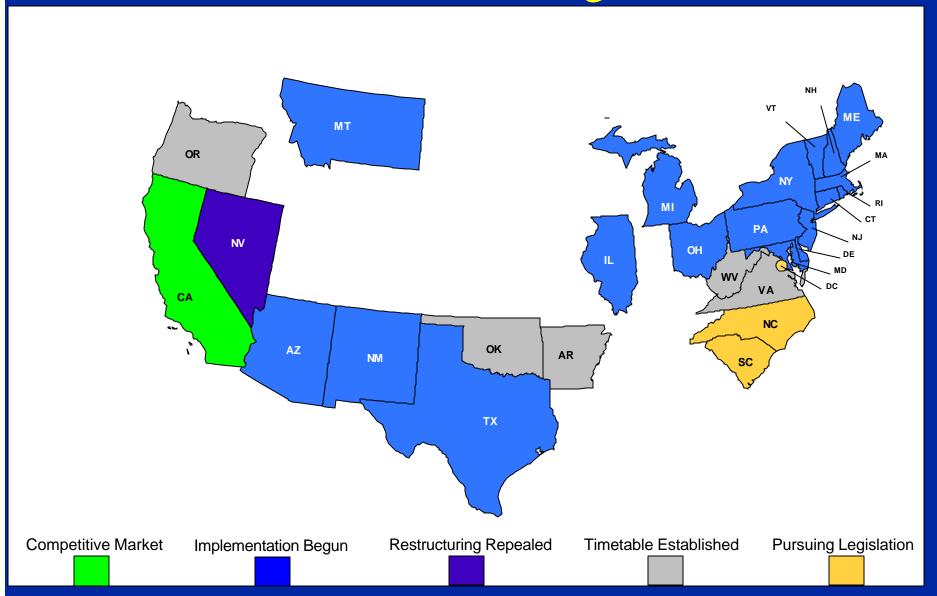
What States are not restructuring?

Why not?

Status of Restructuring-National

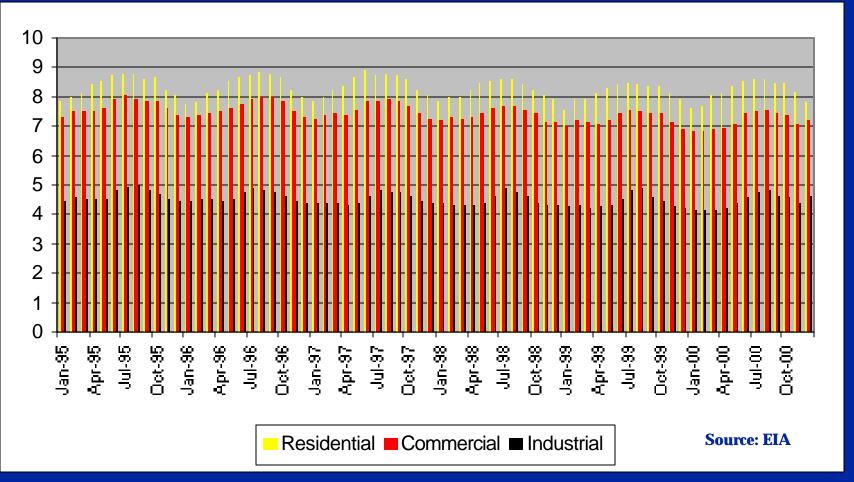


Active Restructuring States



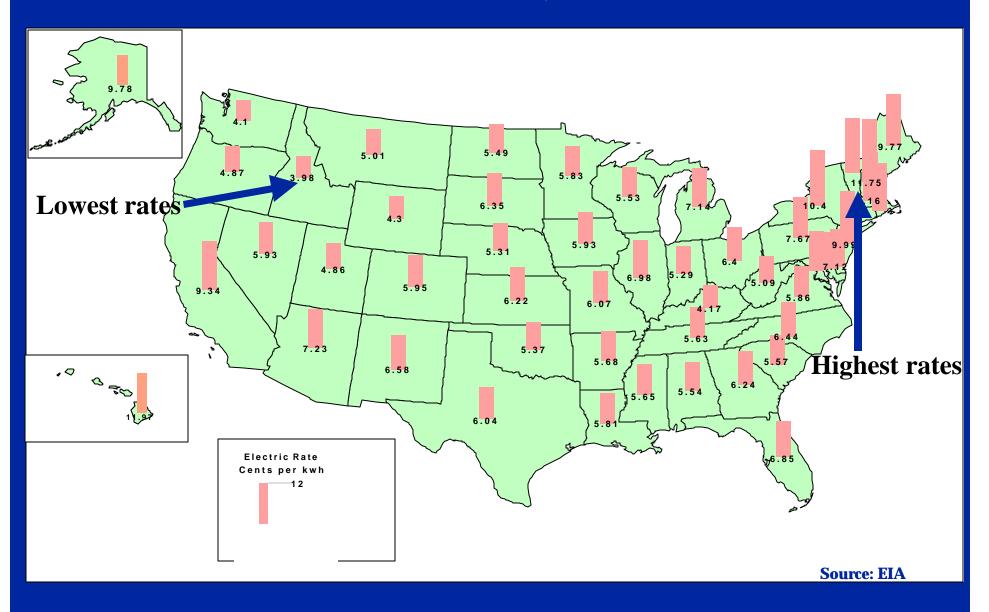


In aggregate, average electricity prices appear to be stable, but.....



Electric Rates Varies Widely by State

Electric Rates, 1999

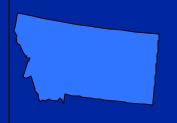


Competitive Market" denomination

- -Significant price increases in San Diego starting summer 2000
- "Direct Access" abolished in February 2001
- -"Rolling blackouts" since winter 2001, forecasted through summer 2001
- -PG&E filed for Chapter 11 in April 2001
- -State pursuing acquisition of transmission facilities
- -State requesting FERC price caps
- -Allegations of price gouging
- -Significant rate increases announced in May 2001
- -etc., etc., etc.



Status of Selected Implementing States



MT: Delayed start of retail implementation until 2004; Montana Power wants out of power business

NV: Repealed restructuring legislation, April 18, 2001; imposed moratorium on utility divestiture of generation assets

NM

AZ: Legislation called for full retail competition by January 1, 2001

AZ

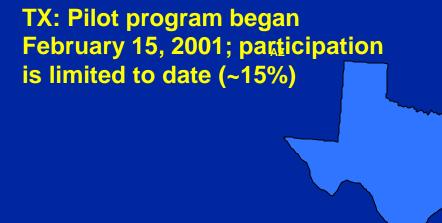
NM: Delayed start of retail implementation from 2002 to 2007



Status of Selected Implementing States

IL: Corp.Comm. reports that few eligible customers have exercised choice

MI: Limited participation in competitive market





Status of Selected Implementing States



PA: All customers have retail choice; PUC estimates cost savings of up to 10%



Status of "Timetable" States

OR: Act provides for rate plan choices, Not full retail access; legislature considering delay in implementation



WV: Legislation requires delay to complete study of deregulation prior to implementation

OK: Conferees have signed out a bill delaying until at least 2003, and formation of a study group.



AR: Implementation delayed from January 1, 2002 to October 1, 2003



States Pursuing Legislation

DC: Existing supplier divested generation assets; customer choice legislation passed in May 2000

NC: Study recommends full retail access by January 2006

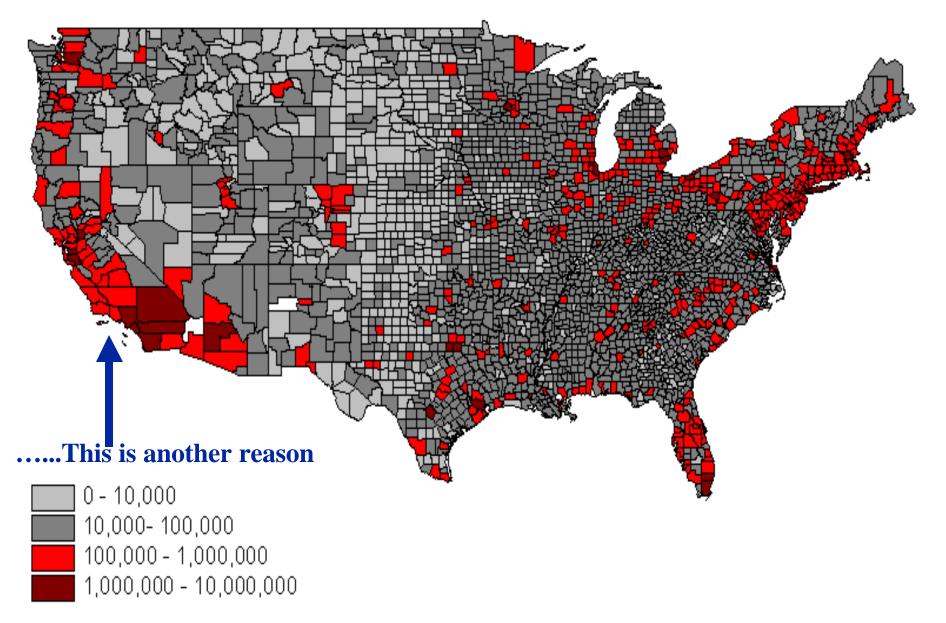
SC: Study estimated high costs for deregulation; no bill passed to date





The States that are Not Restructuring: Why Aren't They Restructuring?

This is one reason.....





The Theory of Restructuring Legislation

The typical political trading that happened when states considered restructuring:

Utilities get deregulation.

Consumers get legislatively mandated rate freezes and reductions for a few years, then "all bets are off."

Industrial, large commercial customers get choice of suppliers.

Oil and gas industries enter electric markets.

Renewables and low-income get revenue stream for a few years, then "all bets are off."

Free marketeers get "open markets."



Some Concluding Thoughts Regarding the Long-Term Energy Picture

Challenges Facing Conventional Approaches

Electric System

Restructuring

Coal

Hydro

Nuclear

Gas

Transmission

Distribution

• Fuels

Transportation

• Oil

Renewables

From "inevitability" to "stop or reverse"

Starting to expand, environmental concerns

Not expanding

Despite new push, likely will not expand

Rapid expansion, price volatility, overbuild?

Investment has plummeted

With distributed resources emerging,

a very uncertain future

National security, price volatility, inefficiencies

Increasing, but starting from a small base

Buildings

Efficiency

Challenge of financing improvements



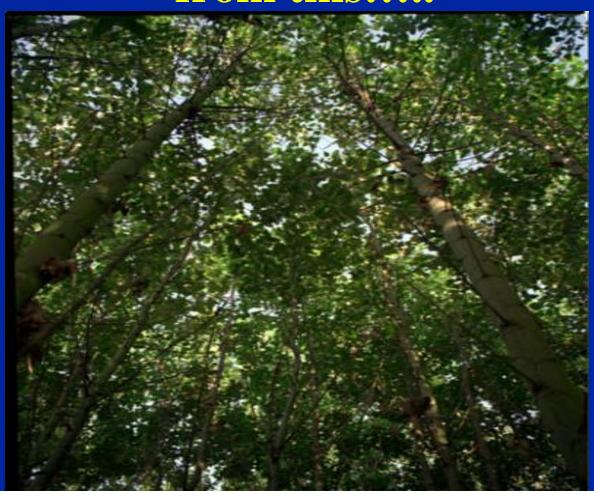
Energy transformation has historically been measured in several decades.

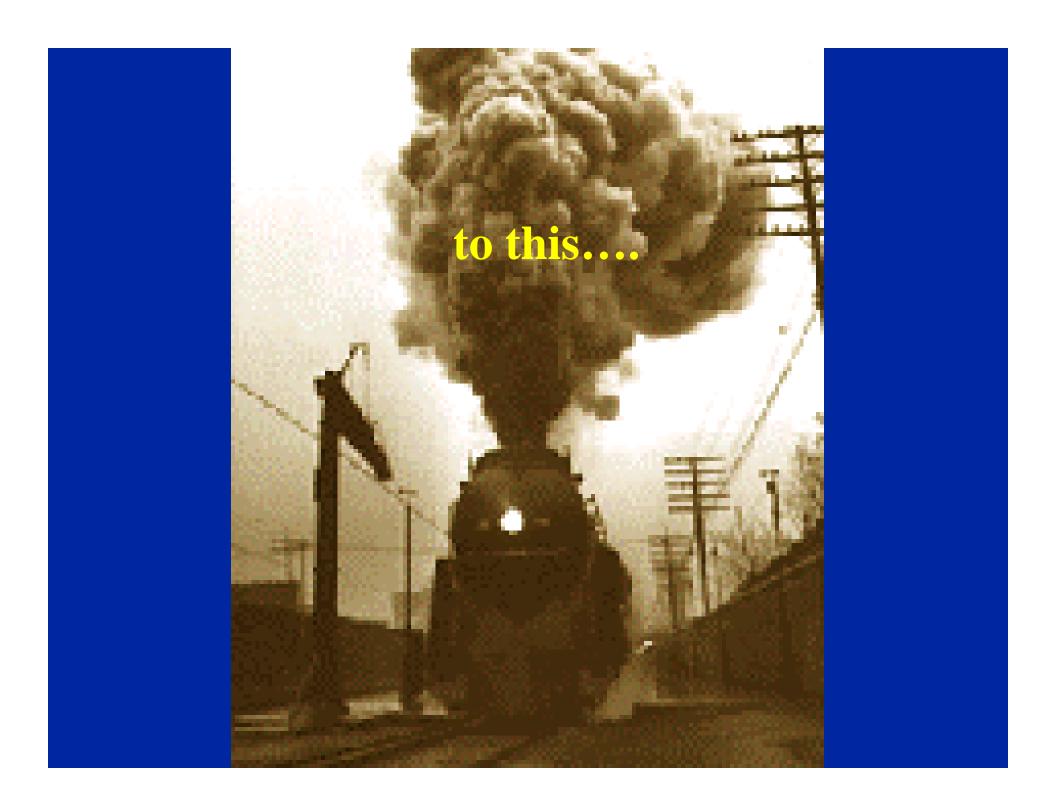
But now, economic progress, high tech skills, national security concerns, and environmental quality ought to encourage us to speed things up.

The public is becoming increasingly aware of the need for energy progress.....



Can we take the transformation from this....





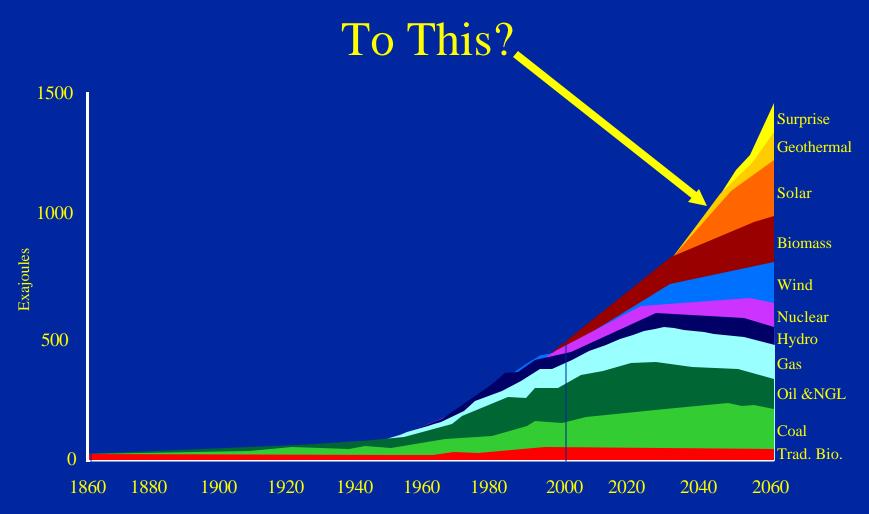




to this.....







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To power, light, heat, and chill this?





Thanks. We have time for questions and answers.